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In the Claims

Please amend Claims 1 and 2 as shown in clean form below:

1. (Thrice Amended) An apparatus for optical scanning of multiple specimens comprising:
  - a specimen receiving device for holding the specimens, the specimen receiving device defining an axis of rotation and being rotatable about the axis of rotation; and
  - a scanning device provided for optically scanning the specimens, the scanning device defining a further axis and being rotatable about the further axis, the scanning device being arranged movably relative to the specimen receiving device, wherein the scanning device or the specimen receiving device is linearly displaceable.
  
2. (Twice Amended) The apparatus as defined in Claim 1, wherein the scanning device defines a movement in a first radial direction and the specimen receiving device defines a movement in a second radial direction, and the relative movement between scanning device and specimen receiving device resulting from the first radial direction and the second radial direction is linear.